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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. It seems that every where I turn I see more burden put upon those who can least afford it. It has gotten worse in the last five years and I see no end to this trend, Only the gap between rich and poor grows bigger. I currently pay a 10.00 fee for service and use very little long distance but my bill is allways over 30.00/it all taxes and extra fees.

I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

Mary Cundick

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